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TESTIMONIAL OF SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SNOOT LOOP AND COMFORT TRAINER HEAD HALTERS

I have been a dog trainer for over 20 years. I frequently employ head halters as a training tool. In my years of training, I have used four different brands of head halters:

Gentle Leader;
Halti;
Snoot Loop; and
Comfort Trainer.

In comparing the Snoot Loop to the Comfort Trainer, I find the two products have several significant differences. The Snoot Loop requires three difficult adjustments in order to initially fit the product to a particular dog. The Comfort Trainer requires only one simple adjustment in order to initially fit the product to a particular dog.

DIFFERENCES IN INITIAL ADJUSTMENTS

To fit the Snoot Loop to a particular dog requires initially adjusting two cheek strap buckles, one on either side of the dog's face, as well as a buckle on the neck strap. First the user must adjust each cheek strap buckle. After adjusting the two cheek strap buckles, the user then slips the nose band over the dog's muzzle and adjusts the buckle at the back of the dog's neck. At this point all initial adjustments on the Snoot Loop are complete. From this point on, the Snoot Loop is placed on the dog by slipping the nose band over the muzzle and securing the head halter at the back of the dog's neck using the (previously adjusted) buckle on the neck strap.

To initially fit the Comfort Trainer to a particular dog requires only one simple initial adjustment. The user simply slips the nose band over the dog's muzzle and adjusts a simple buckle at the back of the dog's neck. At this point all initial adjustments on the Comfort Trainer are complete. From this point on, the Comfort Trainer is placed on the dog by slipping the nose band over the muzzle and securing the head halter using a pre-set easy-on clip.

NOSE BAND DIFFERENCES

The nose band of the Snoot Loop is narrow, cutting sharply into the dog's nose, inflicting unnecessary discomfort. The Comfort Trainer has a soft, wider nose band that is much gentler on the nose of the dog. In addition to the nose band differences, the Snoot Loop fits more tightly to the dog's face than does the Comfort Trainer, thus making the Snoot Loop more uncomfortable to the dog than the Comfort Trainer. The Comfort Trainer fits loosely on the dog's face until the handler needs control of the dog's head (thus pulling and releasing on the

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leash). Pulling on the leash correctly causes the Comfort Trainer to immediately tighten around the dog's muzzle thus applying pressure on the muzzle and on the back of the neck. When contact on the leash is released, the entire Comfort Trainer becomes loose again, relieving any uncomfortable contact with the dog's face.

Due to its initial fitting adjustments, the Snoot Loop fits tightly on the dog's face at all times. When the handler needs control of the dog's head, he pulls then releases on the leash. Pulling on the leash correctly causes the Snoot Loop to immediately tighten around the dog's muzzle thus applying pressure on the muzzle and on the back of the neck. When contact on the leash is released, the Snoot Loop releases only to the tight fit initially adjusted during fitting.

Signed,



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